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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC FROM BERN 24 MAY 73:

QUOTE BERN 2123

FOR EUR/ CE SUTTERLCN; EUR/ P SAVAGE; H MACKENZIE; L MCDOWELL;
PASS JUSTICE PETERSEN; PASS TREASURY MORGAN; PASS SEC POLLACK

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SUBJ: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE TREATY: U. S. PRESS RELEASE

REF: BERN 2084

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PROPOSED U. S. PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING
OF TREATY WHICH UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED EMBASSY WILL MAKE
AVAILABLE TO PRESS IN BERN MORNING MAY 25, AND SHOULD BE ISSUED
BY DEPARTMENT SAME MORNING:

BEGIN QUOTE

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A U. S.- SWISS TREATY ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS WAS SIGNED IN BERN ON MAY 25, 1973 BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS WALTER J. STOESSEL, JR. AND U. S. AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND SHELBY CULLOM DAVIS FOR THE UNITED STATES, AND BY AMBASSADOR ALBERT WEITNAUER FOR SWITZERLAND.

" THE TREATY, WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE U. S. SENATE FOR ITS ADVICE AND CONSENT, PROVIDES FOR BROAD ASSISTANCE IN THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF CRIMINAL MATTERS. THE TREATY ALSO PROVIDES FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE WHERE ORGANIZED CRIME IS INVOLVED.

" THE TREATY WAS NEGOTIATED OVER A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS WITH THE U. S. BEING REPRESENTED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY AND THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

" THE TREATY IS A PIONEERING EFFORT OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. IT REPRESENTS THE FIRST MAJOR AGREEMENT FOR THE U. S. IN THE AREA OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS. FOR SWITZERLAND, IT REPRESENTS THE FIRST AGREEMENT OF THIS TYPE WITH A COUNTRY HAVING AN ANGLO- SAXON SYSTEM OF LAW.

" THE TREATY SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO A FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF U. S.- SWISS COOPERATION IN COMBATING CRIME, AND IN PARTICULAR ORGANIZED CRIME. IT EXPANDS ON CURRENT CLOSE, EFFECTIVE U. S.- SWISS COOPERATION IN THE ILLEGAL NARCOTICS TRADE AND INTERPOL ACTIVITIES.

END QUOTE

2. SWISS PLANNING MAKE PUBLIC MORNING MAY 25 OWN PRESS RELEASE TEXT OF WHICH DIRECTED AT COUNTERING DOMESTIC OPPOSITION TO TREATY AND REASSURING GENERAL PUBLIC THAT TREATY ACCORDS WITH SWISS NATIONAL INTERESTS.

3. WHEN DEPARTMENT ISSUES PRESS RELEASE, WE WOULD PREFER THAT TREATY TEXT NOT BE PHYSICALLY ATTACHED BUT MADE AVAILABLE SEPARATELY. BEGIN FYI. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SWISS PRACTICE TREATY WILL NOT BE RATIFIED IN SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AND WE WILL NOT WISH SUBMIT FORMALLY TO SENATE IN NEAR

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FUTURE. IT THEREFORE THOUGHT BEST KEEP RELEASE AND TREATY SEPARATE. ENED FYI. DAVIS UNQUOTE ROGERS

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